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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

Intimations.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$7,500,000
Reserve Fund, \$4,470,000
Bankers' Liability of Provisions, \$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—W.H. MORRIS, Esq.
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Shanghai, JOHN WALTER, Esq.
London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 12 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BANKS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 24, 1889. 363

NOTICE.
RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours five weeks, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, 10 to 1 p.m.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Books is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 754

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Undeclared BANK SHARE CERTIFICATES viz.:
No. B 2021, 3465/66, 4645/62, 50 Shares in the name of L. MUSSEL.
No. B 2099, 3280/3281, 10 "
" 2134, 53909/23, 5734/49, 25 "
" and 1406/10, 15 "
in the name of W.D. SPENCE.
No. B 2269, 27918/27932, 15 "
" in the name of W.H. GASKELL.

together ONE HUNDRED SHARES, HAVE BEEN LOST, and should the same not be produced before the Thirty-first day of December next, NEW CERTIFICATES will be issued to the said L. MUSSEL, W.D. SPENCE and W.H. GASKELL respectively, and the aforesaid Certificates B 2071, B 2099, B 2134 and B 2269, will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as null and void.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 1, 1889. 1899

INTEREST DUE AND DRAWN BONDS

of this LOAN, will be payable at the Office of the Corporation on and after the 30th instant.

Lists of DRAWN Bonds can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
Agents Leaving the Room,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 30, 1889. 1895

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

A N INTERIM DIVIDEND of 5% for the Half Year ending 30th June, 1889, has been declared by the Board of Directors, and DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be issued on 1st October, at the Head Office of the Company.

ROBERT BAIRD,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 30, 1889. 1893

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

N O T I C E .

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixteenth Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 10th October next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year 1888 and for the half-year ending 30th June, 1889.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 10th October, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 27, 1889. 1877

NOTIFICATION.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

I.—The DRILL SEASON of the above Corps will commence on the 1st OCTOBER.

II.—Surgeon CANFIELD will attend at Head Quarters every FRIDAY EVENING, at 6 O'Clock, to inspect any GENTLEMEN wishing to JOIN.

III.—Intending MEMBERS, on passing MEDICAL EXAMINATION, will be enrolled and passed on to JOIN DRILL AT ONCE.

IV.—Any one who has previously been an efficient MEMBER of a VOLUNTEER CORPS will not be required to drill until November, but it will be to the advantage of all such NEW MEMBERS to ENLIST as early as possible.

V.—Expresses of DRILL &c. will be issued later on.

By Order,

H. T. HAWKINS, Captain, R.A.
Adjutant Hongkong Vol. Artillery.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Hongkong, September 26, 1889. 1869

VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

YOKOHAMA.

THIS SCHOOL, situated in a very healthy position on the Bluff, provides good EDUCATION FOR BOYS from 8 to 17. Boards taken. Prospectus with Office of this Paper.

C. H. HINTON, M.A., Oxon,
330 Head Master.

LOST.

THE Undeclared 100 SHARES of the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, being the Property of the Undeclared, having been LOST, the Public are warned against negotiating same.

Corp. No. Nom. of Shares

50 Shares, B2091, 3465/66, 4645/62,

L. MUSSEL, 51241/56,

14389/92, 5132/719

10 Shares, B2099, 3280/3281

W.D. SPENCE, 53909/23, 5734/49

25 Shares, B2134, 53909/23, 5734/49

W.D. SPENCE, 1406/10

15 Shares, B2269, 27918/27932

100 Shares.

The TRANSFER of three SHARES has been STOPPED at the Bank.

H.N. MODY.

Hongkong, September 9, 1889. 1740

Intimations.

NO. 73, WYNDHAM STREET,
BOARD AND RESIDENCE
FOR SINGLE GENTLEMEN,
MODERATE TERMS.
MRS. KIELLER,
Proprietress.

Hongkong, July 15, 1889. 1875

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION

FAIR CUP.

SEVEN SHOTS at 200 Yards. Position

S—Standing. Seven Shots at 200 Yards. Position—Sitting or kneeling. To be won 3 times before becoming any Member's absolute property. Winners to be penalized 5 points after winning it once, and 7 points after winning it twice.

The THIRD Competition will take place NEXT SATURDAY, 5th day of October, at 4.15 p.m. Intending Competitors must send me 30 Cents Entance Fee, not later than 5 p.m. next Friday, 4th day of October.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, September 30, 1889. 1894

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEURIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London or Steamship GUADIAN and TANIE, and from Havre or Steamship TANIE, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 6th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damage and/or shortages later than the 15th instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1889. 1891

CHINESE MAIL.

NOTICE.

THE present LEASE of the Chinese Mail EXPIRED on the 31st ultimo, after which date the INTEREST of the present LESSEE (Mr. HO CHUNG SHANG) entirely CEASED. The BUSINESS is now conducted by a MOST EFFICIENT NATIVE STAFF, and Arrangements have been made which cannot fail to make the Paper in EVERY SENSE A FIRST-CLASS JOURNAL.

GEO. MURRAY BAIN, Proprietor.

CHINA MAIL Office, September 1, 1889.

STEAMSHIP OXUS.

NOTICE.

2ND FLOOR of HOUSE, No. 64, and GROUND FLOOR of HOUSE No. 63, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Apply to LAI HING & CO., No. 183, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, July 1, 1889. 1887

TO BROKERS AND OTHERS.

THREE ROOMS TO BE LET in VICTORIA BUILDINGS, On Ground Floor and with Separate Entrances, at \$450 a month each.

Apply to ARTHUR B. BODYKE, 2, D'Aguilar Street.

Hongkong, August 27, 1889. 1884

INSURANCES.

UKEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undeclared AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 26, 1889. 1880

G. DE CHAMPAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, September 26, 1889. 1880

Hongkong, July 10, 1887. 1340

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The Co.'s Steamship General Weller, Captain I. ECKER, will leave for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 11th October, at Daylight.

Intimations.

Intimations.

THE SHARF LIST CLOSES AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER 'CLARA' FROM TONKIN.

THE HONGKONG LIME AND CEMENT WORKS, LIMITED.

TO BE INCORPORATED UNDER THE CANADIAN ORDINANCES, 1884-1890.

CAPITAL.....\$350,000
DIVIDED INTO 50,000 SHARES
OF \$5 EACH.

Payable \$1 on Application, \$1 on Allotment. Balance as required at one month's Notice. One half of the Shares is held by the Directors and their friends and will be allotted in full the Remaining Shares to be offered for Public Subscription in Tonkin and Hongkong.

The following is Mr. HAYLAM's Report on the Property to be purchased by the Company:—

26th September, 1889.

To THE DIRECTORS OF THE HONGKONG LIME AND CEMENT WORKS, LIMITED.

GENTLEMEN.—I beg to hand you my report on the proposed cement works at Hongkong.

The original concession was 500 metres (1,640 ft. 5 in.) long and 500 metres (1,640 ft. 5 in.) wide; of this the owner proposes to sell to your company a piece 300 metres (984 ft. 3 in.) long and 300 metres (1,640 ft. 5 in.) wide, giving an area of nearly 100,000 square metres (1,614,800 square feet), of fairly level ground, with Klink, Engels, Mills, Shells and all materials, reserving to himself the remainder.

The site is very well situated, with a sea frontage of 984 ft. 3 in., at the North end of Hongkong Bay, opposite to the wharf of the Charbonnages du Tonkin. This bay is beautifully sheltered from all winds, has a good anchorage, and is deep enough for large steamers.

There is a plentiful supply of good and fresh water on the site, and further permission has been granted to construct a small dam and convert a valley to the North of the lot into a fresh-water Reservoir.

The cement is an artificial cement and is a heavy slow-setting one such as Portland cement, which it closely resembles; it is of a good colour and weighs 420 lbs. to the cask. The tensile strain is high and the cement has already been extensively used in Haiphong for floors, concrete, bricks, pilasters, etc., and is giving every satisfaction, but as yet it has only turned out in a very small quantity owing to lack of machinery, nor in such good condition as it is possible to obtain, although during the last few months improvements have taken place in the cement both in colour, tensile strength, and weight. With good machinery, proper and continuous supervision, I am convinced you will be able to turn out a very superior hydraulic cement, equal in every respect to the best Portland, and with the very great advantages you enjoy of good and easy transport, cheap labour, the close proximity of a good supply of coal, limestone & clay, and a plentiful supply of water; you ought to turn it out at an exceptionally low rate.

The Clay is to be got from the banks of the river, the Lime-stone from the Lime-stone Island, &c., which surround the Bay; there is an inexhaustible supply of both of these materials, which are of very good quality and very similar in their chemical constituents to the clay and lime-stones used in the cement works in England & the Portland, Midway, and Thames Cement Companies.

The Coal required is also close at hand and after careful examination I find the Coal of the District eminently adapted to the burning of Cement.

The existing Machinery will have to be removed but it can be used for the manufacture of Bricks, and New Kilns, Engines, and Machinery will have to be erected, also a Pier of about 100 feet long to allow Steam launches to discharge easily.

I calculate the cost of existing buildings and materials at the site at \$12,000, but details of tests I am now making and the cost of erection of New Machinery I will forward you in a day or two.

Herewith Analysis of Three Cements and a Hydraulic Lime showing comparative constituents of the Clay and Lime used in England and at Hongkong.

Portland Cement Hongkong Hydrate

Heavy Light Cement Hongkong
Carbonate of Lime.....77.00 71.55 74.00 84.00
Carbonate of Magnesia.....0.80 0.87 traces 15.00
Organic Matter.....traces 0.80 1.30 0.00
Alumina.....2.70 3.50 4.20 traces
Ferria Oxide 3.50 2.20 4.00 1.00
Silica.....10.80 27.10 14.00 0.70
Alkalies.....1.00 traces traces 0.00

H. F. HAYLAM, Q.E.

Applications for Shares must be made on the printed forms, and forwarded to the Bankers, THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, (where share forms may be obtained) together with the amount payable on application.

Hongkong, September 30, 1889.

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.

TIME TABLE

WEEK DAYS.

8 to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.
12 n. 2 p.m. half hour.
4 n. 8 n. quarter of an hour.

THURSDAYS.

NIGHT TRAMS AT 10.30 and 11 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

10.40 a.m.; 12 to 1.30 p.m. every quarter of an hour.
4 to 8 p.m. every quarter of an hour.
9, 10, 10.30 and 11 p.m.

Special CARDS may be obtained on application to the SUPERINTENDENT.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars; Five-Cent Coupons and REDUCED TICKETS at the Office.

MADEWEN, FRIGEL & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, May 1, 1889.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPAO DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand. Orders for REPAIRS are sent to the Head Officer, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

If the Master or Comptroller being found necessary, Communication with the Under-officer is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. CHILLIES,

Secretary,
Hongkong, August 26, 1889.

Intimations.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

A MATCH between FRISI XII and ALL COMERS will be commenced at 2 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 4th, and will be continued at 11 a.m. on SATURDAY, the 5th October.

Members willing to play will please sign their Names, either on the List lying on the Table in the Club Auto-room or on the one in the Cricket Pavilion, on or before 4 p.m. on Thursday, the 3rd instant.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS,
Hon. Secretary

Hongkong, October 2, 1889. 1909

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Co.'s Steamship
Hector, Capt. S. Amrose, will be

despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 4th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAIRAPPY & CO.,
General Managers

Hongkong, October 2, 1889. 1909

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship
Melbourne will be despatched for the above Ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the 5th Instant.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent

Hongkong, October 2, 1889. 1909

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.

HAIR PREPARATIONS.

Dakin's Cantharidin Hair Stimulant.

THIS is an excellent preparation for those cases where the Hair from Dandruff or other causes has become weak thin and impoverished.

It will positively induce a fresh growth of Hair, where the follicles are not altogether destroyed.

Price, \$1 per Bottle.

Dakin's Refrigerating Hair Wash.

(From a recipe of Sir Bramwell Wilson.) A cooling and refreshing application that is delightful in use, removes dandruff and sour, and by alaying irritation and nourishing the hair follicles, keeps the hair and scalp in a healthy and vigorous condition.

Price, \$1 per Bottle.

Dakin's Egg Quinine.

A combination of egg spissatum and oily preparations, forming a perfect hair dressing. It removes scurfy irritation of the scalp and has a tonic influence on the hair follicles.

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An interesting break of promise case is expected to be heard some day soon in the Supreme Court. The person to whom has been allotted the part of defendant is a Hebrew gentleman. It is perhaps necessary to say he is a broker, as every male person in the Colony is naturally held to be a broker until the contrary is proved. It is alleged that he would and won a fair creature who consented to share his pleasures when business was good, and to soothe him with the sweets of love's young dream when the market got uncertain and ugly. Somehow the course of true love was interrupted, and the prospect of marriage ceased to please the gay broker. He was about to leave for Shanghai yesterday, when he was dragged back by the arm of the law at the instance of the disappointed Dulcinea. She sued for \$1,000 damages for breach of promise, and charges her alleged unfaithful suitor with retaining some jewellery belonging to her. In consequence of this and his failure to furnish the securities which the law demanded, he is for the present accommodated with lodgings in Victoria Gaol.

RUSSIAN PETROLEUM IS GAINING GROUND IN CHINA AMONG CONSUMERS, AND IS PUSHING THE AMERICAN ARTICLE HARD. The dearness and inferior lighting power of the latter tell against its ready sale.

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY AT BATAVIA HAS JUST ISSUED ITS REPORT FOR THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR. Increasing business and a steadily growing number of customers enable it to declare a dividend of 9%. The Company evidently means an acknowledged want, and may count on prosperous times.

A NEW USE FOR SUN PHOTOGRAPHS.—According to Dr Zenger, of Prague, photographs of the sun taken on orthochromatic plates furnish a means of predicting, by more than twenty-four hours, the approach of tempests, hurricanes, earthquakes, &c., a knowledge of whose advent would be obviously of much value to the tourist. These photographs display the appearance of more or less elliptical rings surrounding the solar disc, which, when they grow larger in diameter, announce the approach of a hurricane or other atmospheric disturbance towards the point of observation.—*British Journal of Philosophy*.

AS THE THEORETICAL tenets of Sir Henry Isaac (the first on the rolls for election to the majority) prevent him from making a public appeal to the public on a Saturday, the festivities on Nov. 9 will (the *World*) be postponed till the following Monday, although the oath will be taken on the day prescribed by law. The historical show will be one more celebrated with its traditional pomp and ceremony. One of its salient features is to be seven artistic groups illustrating the seven centuries of the majority, and it is not improbable that they will be designed by Mr Lewis Wingfield. The invitation-card to the Guildhall banquet will consist of an exact reproduction of the beautiful Bartolo mezzotint used in 1789.

THE ADVENTISTS.—The Adventists, who form some 100,000 of the population of the United States, are a superstitious and doleful people, least five bodies or companies: (1) Some Advent Christians, who believe in the resurrection and everlasting destruction of the wicked dead; (2) Evangelical Adventists, who hold the orthodox view respecting future punishment; (3) Seventh Day Adventists, who observe the seventh day as the Sabbath; (4) Life and Advent Union, a doctrinal tenet of belief is the non-resurrection of the wicked dead; (5) Age-to-Come Adventists, who look for the restoration of the Jews to the Holy Land. In policy these branches, excepting the Seventh Day, which lodges ecclesiastical power in its annual and general conferences, are congregational.—*Rock*.

FROM PIN-CHOU we (*China Times*) hear bad news. Though this was perhaps the worst of all the distressed districts north of the Yellow River, relief has only been given in a few of its towns and villages. Not only so, but taxes have been collected in this department this year. The authorities called for 7 parts out of 10 of the ordinary tax, and gave notice to collect the balance in the autumn. This while the people are stripping their roofs and disposing of the timbers for almost nothing, and selling their women beside, that they may not all starve together. The Chinese character for peace 豊 consists of 3 men, 'a roof,' and under it 女, 'a woman.' The roofs are going, the women are going, and yet there is no disturbance. Truly this is a patient people.

A NUMBER OF YOUNG Chinese gentlemen, with ages varying from nineteen to thirty-one years, are at present located at Easen. They are scholars of the artillery school at Tientsin, and lieutenants in the Chinese army. They will reside in Germany for eight months, instructed by Colonel Schell, their tutor at Tientsin. The object of the visit to Easen is to acquire some practical knowledge of what they have already acquired theoretically. Accordingly they will be shown the various processes of iron and steel manufacture, and the methods of manufacturing powder, guns, and small arms. They will witness a gun firing at the Krupp shooting-place near Meppen. They are also expected to take part in the autumn army manoeuvres. Last week the Eastern visitors handed to Mr and Mrs Krupp the gifts of the First Ruler of China, which they brought over with them.

THIS RUMOUR reported from Hankow some time back of threatened disturbances in the neighbourhood of Ichang were not without foundation. On the confines of the Fang Hsia and Hing-chang Hien districts assembled a number of 'hungry' people, whose future movements are the subject of some anxiety to the local officials. Two of them were captured by the district magistrate of Hing-chang, and lists of names were found on their persons indicating the existence of a dangerous secret association.

Made to kneel on sharp chains, and having received a thousand blows with the lighted bamboo, they gave evidence that in the daytime they worked in the fields, and at night met for quarter-staff exercise, which conference appearing unsatisfactory to the magistrate, both were relegated to prison. An officer with several hundred men is encamped on a hill called Chow-kis Ling to watch them, but the chief-tai of Ichang has been written to not to despatch the troops he holds in readiness, for fear of precipitating a conflict which it is hoped may be avoided.

A LATTER NOVEL attraction was provided recently on the occasion of the reception of a new fire-engine for Marazon. The engine (a Merryweather 'London Brigade' type, for twenty-six men), after being christened at St Michael's Mount by Lord St. Lavan, was manipulated by two very young ladies, who, at the word of command, were levers, on which the engine into play, and then a stream of water gushed out of the other drills were run through by the brigade, the proceedings terminated. A short time ago Mr Merryweather organised a 'Ladies' Fire Brigade' at the Royal Holloway College, Egham, which is still admirably maintained.

THE VERY LATEST SUGGESTION TO MR RAIKER.—Among the many suggestions made to the Postmaster-General by enterprising advertising agents since the matter of advertising on postage-stamps and post-cards was made the subject of Parliamentary question, is one of a particularly ingenious character. It has been proposed that the ordinary date stamp by which postage-stamps are obliterated should be altered in shape so that the date and name of the post office could be enclosed in two circles instead of one. There would be a narrow space between the two circles, and for the remaining six months that equally well-known pills. For the privilege of paying time-supplying the date stamp at their own cost. If the Postmaster-General would print the different letters he has received on the subject of advertising, the collection would prove a very interesting one.

BLACKMAIL AND BOMBARDMENT.—We are asked to see that Sir Andrew Clarke has called on the hand all the 'raisons' nonsense which occurred so prominently during the last naval manoeuvres. He says:—Correspondents write airy of laying Brighton in ashes, forgetting that it would require more than all the ammunition carried by our great fleet now afloat to destroy one-tenth of that town, and that the cost would not greatly differ from that of the damage inflicted. If the mayor and corporation of any British town were found willing to pay blackmail, they would richly deserve to be hanged; and I only trust that some venerable law could be raked up from our wondrous Statute book which would enable the execution to be carried out. A company of volunteers would suffice to prevent the landing of any party that a cruiser could put ashore, and the only answer which I can conceive that any Englishman would return to such a re-question would be "Come and take it!"

THE TELEGRAPH TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO AVOID COMPETITION.

The Peking correspondents of our Northern contemporaries report the presence in Peking of Mr Henningens, of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, and Sheng Taotai, the Director of Chinese Telegraphs, with his advisor, Mr Bohr; and there are persistent rumours of the reactivation of the Chooch Convention, by which China was to receive Tls. 100,000 from the two companies who have a joint monopoly of the service to Europe, on condition of their not reducing the rate to Europe below \$2 per word, on the junction of their lines with the Russian lines. When the attempt was first made to carry through this convention, the Chambers of Commerce of Hongkong and Shanghai strongly protested against it, and the indignation of the commercial community of China at the prospect of an indefinite continuance of the heavy telegraphic rates to Europe was so great that the negotiations were broken off. The two Telegraph Companies did not, however, abandon their object, and they now seem likely to succeed in getting China to accept the convention or some slight modification of it.

At the high telegraph rates are a great impediment to trade, we hope the Chambers of Commerce will again beat themselves and will energetically protest against the convention, if their interests are identical, seek a convention with the Chinese Telegraph Company. To this problem no very satisfactory answer has yet been given. It seems certain, however, there is a hole in the Danish treaty with Russia through which the air breathing fire, when he met an old man with ears bare running for dear life. "G'day, Molly Cottontail!" exclaimed he, if I hadn't reputation to sustain I'd be lost."

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WHOEVER looks for a friend without interference will never find what he seeks. We love ourselves with all our faults, we ought to love our friends like manner.

A SAFE RULE.—One who is anxious to succeed asks: 'What is always a safe rule to go by?' That's a tough question. However, we rise to the emergency. If you come to a saloon on your way to success it is always a safe rule to go by.

A GOON INVESTIGATOR.—Can you lose me five dollars? 'Can't do it!' 'Why not?' 'I never lent you any money, so I don't know whether you would pay me or not.'

'Well, good Scotts! isn't it worth five dollars to find out what kind of a man I am? I might strike you for a hundred some day.'

LORD TENNYSON told Edmund (now no longer a boy) that he attributed his precocious knowledge of metrical language and flow of measured speech mainly to the thorough acquaintance which he enjoyed from early youth with the Odes of Horace. His father insisted upon his writing on successive mornings the whole of the four books of the Odes without a break. 'Horace was my master,' said Lord Tennyson.—Horace and Keats.

Mixed Grammar.—At a village school not many miles from Canterbury a precocious boy, being asked to pass the sentence 'Every cow milks a calf,' went on accurately till he came to the last word, when he said 'Cow' is a pronoun, feminine gender, third person, singular, and stands for Mary.' Stands for Mary? asks the master in a tearful tone; 'but I expect the old cat has gone to church.'—*The World*.

THE field and laid the table which connected Shanghai with Whidbeystock and Hongkong. Thereafter the Eastern Extension Company appeared on the scene and joined Singapore with Singapore (by way of Siam), establishing thus a connection with Europe and Australia. Residents in the Far East had thus a choice of two routes and the hope was entertained that the competition would lead to a reduction in rates. However, the two Companies found it to their interest to come to agreement that the rate to Europe should be maintained at \$2 per word, the word as in Europe to consist of not more than 10 letters. It was natural to expect that as the growth of business led to an increased use of the telegraph, a reduction in the rate would follow, but instead of that the two Companies introduced further restrictions.

The number of figures allotted to each word varied from 10 to 12, according to the nature of the message. The Chinese Government, who had always been in opposition to any and every proposal that may hereafter be made in connection with the Sikkim question, in all probability by further steps will be taken by the Indian authorities, who have grown weary of negotiations through a third party, the Chinese Amban, whose influence over the Lamas was always in doubt. It would have been more satisfactory if China had been induced to declare that the Tibetans had no claim to interfere in Sikkim affairs, but failing this there was no other course open to the Government but to let the matter drop. The English Foreign Office may continue to exchange

correspondence with Peking for months to come, as China is very particular about its rights, and may delay the conclusion of a Treaty, but the Chinese negotiator will not be easily won over. A witty Frenchman writes in a Paris newspaper that a French major is a man who has three decorations: the third was given him because he had two the second because he had three. A well-known cardinal says a gentleman is one who never inflicts pain. On which a wit replies: 'This is hard on the dentist.'

Not a bad story is told of an aged doryman who had a man loudly declaiming against foreign missions. 'Why,' asked the objector, 'don't the Church look after the heathen at home?' 'We do,' said the clergyman quietly, and gave the man

the unexpected reply.

The slowness or unpunctuality of trains is a fertile topic for wit to exercise their powers thereon. A man was waiting once for the train at a roadside station where passengers at times have to test greatly their stock of patience. He saw a graveyard not far from the station very full of graves, and he inquired the reason. It was a commercial contract which was put into force by the Great Northern Company as a foundation State of India that had to be decided: the principle of maintaining British influence all along the Himalaya frontier; and that work on this basis only was undertaken by the Chinese.

He had let China get even a slight footing in the affairs of the Ambar, and the more westerly States, and then international disputes would inevitably have followed. The tactics of the Ambar were all directed to obtaining some admission from the Indian Government that China had, suzerainty rights over Sikkim. He would have been satisfied with even a nominal acknowledgement of them; but fortunately he was met with a point-blank refusal, and the negotiations came to nothing. It will, of course, be advisable to maintain a small garrison in Sikkim for the present, to guard against any new attempt from Lhasa to coerce the Raja and his subjects, but at no time passes the need for this will cease. Tibet will still remain closed to our commerce, which is to be regretted for reasons other than purely commercial, but this is unavoidable so long as the Lamas remain suspicious of all Europeans.—Pioneer.

THE STEPPING STONES TO SUCCESS ARE IRONIC.—Life.

ONE cannot expect to be honored if it tries to act like gilded youth.

MAN would baffle wicked if they would hunt for fewer opportunities.

CINNAMON may cover a multitude of sins, but that is not its regular business.

THE WAGES OF SIN may be death, but pay-day frequently comes so late the good effect is lost.

TATERS is nothing like being all broken up to make a man see the necessity of mending his ways.—*Burlington Free Press*.

YOU CAN'T BRING UP A CHILD IN THE RIGHT WAY UNLESS YOU HAPPEN TO BE TRAVELING THAT WAY YOURSELF.—*Burlington Free Press*.

THE PEOPLE who get the greatest pleasure out of the traveling season are the servants who stay at home.—*Piegan Blitter*.

MANY a man who is strong enough abroad to quell a riot is too weak at home to put down even a carpet.—*Baltimore Evening Star*.

SMART ATTORNEY.—You say the evening wore on. What did it wear on that particular occasion? Witness.—The close of day, I presume.—*Omaha World*.

A MARRIED woman should not expect her husband to stay at home every night in the week. She ought to remember that the husband has its rights.—*Terre Haute Express*.

NO MAN EVER 'GOT EVEN' WITH ANOTHER BY DOING A MEAN THING IN RETALIATION FOR A FENCED WRONG. He only succeeds in making himself a mean man.—*N. O. Pioneer*.

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To be followed by the S.S. RATAVIA, on 24th October, and S.S. ABYSSINIA, on 24th November.

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Commissary Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Manager, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 9th October.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office and should be marked to address in full; and the same will be received by us until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

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G. D. HARMAN,
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Intimations.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

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THIS Review, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of Chinese caused by the discontinuance of "Notes and Queries" and "China," has reached its Seventeenth Year. The Review discusses those topics which are unique in the minds of students of the Far East, and about which every intelligent person connected with China or Japan is desirous of acquiring trustworthy information. It includes many interesting Notes and original Papers on the Arts, Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities, and Social Manners and Customs, etc. etc. of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, and the Far East generally. Recently a new departure has been taken, and the Review now gives papers on Trade, Commerce, and Descriptive notes of Travel by well-known writers. It was thought that by extending the scope of the Review in this direction, the Magazine would be made more generally useful.

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